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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

In the specification

On page 1, after the title "Preparation of Polyaryl Carboxylic Acids" and before "Field Of Invention", please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/271,559 filed February 26, 2001, incorporated herein fully by reference.--